

Export of Wheat and Rice

*374. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of wheat exported so far from 1 January, 1985; and

(b) if not, whether there are any proposals to export wheat and rice in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) The quantum of wheat exported from 1st January 1985 to 30th November 1985 was 3,36,040 tonnes. This includes exports of wheat as gift to drought effected African countries and as commodity loan to Vietnam.

(b) The export of wheat and Basmati rice is already allowed.

Scheme of Light and Sound Programme on Ramcharit Manas in Ayodhya

*376. SHRI JITENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any scheme to prepare a light and sound programme in Ayodhya, based on Ramcharit Manas and other works of Tulsidas; and

(b) whether Government propose to give wide publicity to the scheme through the media as a part of our literary and cultural heritage ?

THE MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Improvement in Tourist Potential of Puri, Konark, Bhubaneswar and Chilika Lake in Orissa

*377. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have any proposal to improv the tourist potential

of Puri, Konark, Bhubaneswar and Chilika Lake in Orissa during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government had any exchange of ideas with the State Government regarding the development of tourist potential in these areas; and

(c) whether Government have impressed upon the State Government to construct and extend the marine drive by the coast of Puri from Balighai to Puri and Harchandi in Bramahagiri block and if so, the response of State Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b). The development/improvement of centres of tourist importance in Orissa or for that matter other part of the country is a continuous process involving both the Central and the State Governments as also the private sector. In the 7th Five Year Plan the Department has requested the Government of Orissa to submit schemes for improving tourism infrastructure in the various centres. The State Government has submitted the following proposals/schemes to improve the tourist potential at Puri, Konark and Chilka Lake which are under process :

(Rs. in lakhs)

(i) Provision of basic amenities for tourists at Chandra-bhaga, Konark	11.50
(ii) Construction of shopping complex and Day centre at Konark	16.85
(iii) Yatri Niwas at Satpada, Chilka Lake	38.50
(iv) Provision of Mini Buses, wagonettes and elephants for Simlipal	17.58
(v) Survey of beach between Puri and Konark	13.15